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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT RELEASES T.T. RAJAH AND SEVEN OTHER POLITICAL DETAINEES

1. ON DEC. 12 THE GOS RELEASED LAWYER T.T. RAJAH AND SEVEN OTHERS WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED UNDER THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT SINCE JUNE 1974. ACCORDING TO A GOS STATEMENT, ALL EIGHT HAD SUPPORTED AND/OR PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF MALAYA (CPM) AND ITS SATELLITE ORGANIZATIONS PRIOR TO ARREST. GOS EXPLAINED THAT THE EIGHT "NO LONGER POSE A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF SINGAPORE. NEARLY ALL OF THEM HAVE RECANTED THEIR PAST INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES."

2. THE RELEASED DETAINEES ARE CHAN SUN CHAI, HAN TIN JUAN, (MISS) LEONG QUEE FAH, TAN KIM KHEY, TAY KIAN HUAT, WANG AH SYE, LOH WENG KIANG AND T.T. RAJAH. APPARENTLY ALL EXCEPT RAJAH RECANTED THEIR PAST INVOLVEMENT WITH CPM. RAJAH TOLD THE PRESS AFTER RELEASE THAT "I HAVE NOT RECANTED AND THERE IS NOTHING TO RECAT". HE STATED THAT HIS POLITICAL CONVICTIONS HAD BEEN "STEELED AND STRENGTHENED" BY DETENTION.

3. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RAJAH, THE DETAINEES WERE RELEASED ON THE CONDITION THAT THEY REMAIN IN SINGAPORE, INFORM GOS OF ANY
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ADDRESS CHANGE, REFRAIN FROM INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

AND REFRAIN FROM ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER EX-DETAINEES EXCEPT IN
CONTEXT OF GOS-SPONSORED EX-DETAINEES ASSOCIATION. RAJAH WAS
RELEASED ON ONLY ONE CONDITION- THAT HE REFRAIN FROM INVOLVE-
MENT IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT RAJAH IS "OVER THE HILL" AND IS
NO LONGER TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY GOS AS AN OPPOSITION LEADER.
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